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## HOUSE BILL No. 1374

DIGEST OF HB 1374 (Updated February 21, 2005 1:22 pm - DI 107)

**Citations Affected:** IC 34-6; IC 34-30.

**Synopsis:** Immunity for advertisers or sponsors. Grants immunity from civil liability for advertisers or sponsors of certain events.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.  
February 21, 2005, amended, reported — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning civil law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 34-6-2-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2005]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) "Advertiser or sponsor", for purposes of**  
4 **IC 34-30-21, means a person who for political, commercial,**  
5 **educational, benevolent, or charitable purposes:**

6 (1) **donates or contributes money, materials, or products; or**

7 (2) **pays fees to advertise or display trademarks;**

8 **in connection with an event.**

9 (b) **The term does not include a person who exercises primary**  
10 **control over an event.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 34-6-2-44.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
12 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
13 1, 2005]: **Sec. 44.3. "Event", for purposes of section 3.3 of this**  
14 **chapter and IC 34-30-21, means:**

15 (1) **a performance;**

16 (2) **a benefit;**

17 (3) **a fundraiser;**

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1 (4) an auction;

2 (5) a meal; or

3 (6) another occasion.

4 SECTION 3. IC 34-30-21 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
5 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2005]:

7 **Chapter 21. Events: Immunity of Advertiser or Sponsor**

8 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not grant immunity from civil liability**  
9 **to the following:**

10 (1) A person who engages in intentional, willful, wanton, or  
11 reckless behavior.

12 (2) A person who contractually assumes civil liability in  
13 connection with an event.

14 (3) A person who fails to exercise reasonable care in  
15 connection with the direction or control of an event.

16 **Sec. 2. An advertiser or a sponsor of an event is immune from**  
17 **civil liability for the acts or omissions of:**

18 (1) the advertiser or sponsor; and

19 (2) any other person;

20 **in connection with an event.**

21 **Sec. 3. An advertiser or sponsor may not be considered to be:**

22 (1) part of a joint venture;

23 (2) the principal of an agent; or

24 (3) the employer of an employee;

25 **with regard to a person participating in an event in a capacity**  
26 **other than that of an advertiser or sponsor.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred House Bill 1374, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 3, delete "occasion;" and insert "**occasion.**".

Page 2, delete line 4.

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, begin a new line block indented and insert:

**"(3) A person who fails to exercise reasonable care in connection with the direction or control of an event."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1374 as introduced.)

FOLEY, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 9, nays 2.

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